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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
        and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 1-17 and 25-44 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend Claims 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24 as follows:

18.(Amended) A system of finding information pertaining to a particular service on the Internet, comprising:

a database server connected to the Internet and including

[URL/UPN] URL/USN information storage means for storing information representative of (i) a plurality of universal service numbers [(UPNs)] (USNs) assigned to a plurality of services, and (ii) a plurality of URLs symbolically linked to said plurality of [UPNs] USNs, each said URL specifying the location of an information resource located on the Internet related to a particular one of said services, and

request servicing means for servicing a request made by a client system, for information about one of said plurality of services located on the Internet, wherein said request is transmitted to said Internet database server and includes information representative of the [UPN] USN assigned to said service; and

a plurality of service-information servers, each connected to the Internet and including

service-related information storage means for storing information related to said plurality of services, and

information delivery means, responsive to said request servicing means, for delivering to said client system, information related to one of said plurality of services specified by the URL symbolically linked to the [UPN] USN included in said request made by said client system.

19. (Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein said [UPN] USN assigned to each said service is a unique Uniform [Product] Service Code [(UPC)] number assigned to said service.

20. (Amended) The system of claim 18, which further comprises said client system, wherein said client system includes a Internet browser program having an on-screen service finder button which, when selected, results in a dialogue box requesting that the [UPN] USN associated with said request be entered into said client system.

22. (Amended) A method of finding information pertaining to a particular service on the Internet, comprising the steps of:

(a) storing in a database server connected to the Internet, information representative of (i) a plurality of universal service numbers [(UPNs)] (USNS) assigned to a plurality of services, and (ii) a plurality of URLs symbolically linked to said plurality of [UPNS] USNS, each said URL specifying the location of an information resource located on the Internet related to a particular one of said services;

(b) storing in a plurality of service-information servers, information related to said plurality of services;

(c) transmitting to said database server from a client system, a request for information about one of said plurality of services located on the Internet, wherein said request includes information representative of the [UPN] USN assigned to said service; and

(d) at least one said service information server responding to said request transmitted to said database server, and delivering to said client system, information related to one of said plurality of services specified by the URL symbolically linked to the [UPN] USN and included in said request made by said client system.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said [UPN] USN assigned to each said service is a unique Uniform [Product] Service Code [(UPC)] number assigned to said service.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein step (c) comprises:

selecting a on-screen service finder button displayed by an Internet browser program running on said client system, whereupon a dialogue box is displayed requesting that the UPN associated with the requested service be entered; and

entering said [UPN] USN into said dialogue box.

REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, a clean set of the claims pursuant to the above Amendment is listed herebelow:

18. A system of finding information pertaining to a particular service on the Internet, comprising:

a database server connected to the Internet and including

URL/USN information storage means for storing information representative of (i) a plurality of universal service numbers (USNs) assigned to a plurality of services, and (ii) a plurality of URLs symbolically linked to said plurality of USNs, each said URL specifying the location of an information resource located on the Internet related to a particular one of said services, and

request servicing means for servicing a request made by a client system, for information about one of said plurality of services located on the Internet, wherein said request is transmitted to said Internet database server and includes information representative of the USN assigned to said service; and

a plurality of service-information servers, each connected to the Internet and including

service-related information storage means for storing information related to said plurality of services, and

information delivery means, responsive to said request servicing means, for delivering to said client system, information related to one of said plurality of services specified by the URL symbolically linked to the USN included in said request made by said client system.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said USN assigned to each said service is a unique Uniform Service Code number assigned to said service.

20. The system of claim 18, which further comprises said client system, wherein said client system includes a Internet browser program having an on-screen service finder button which, when selected, results in a dialogue box requesting that the USN associated with said request be entered into said client system.

21. The system of claim 18, wherein said service related information is of a multi-media nature.

22. A method of finding information pertaining to a particular service on the Internet, comprising the steps of:

(a) storing in a database server connected to the Internet, information representative of (i) a plurality of universal service numbers (USNS) assigned to a plurality of services, and (ii) a plurality of URLs symbolically linked to said plurality of USNS, each said URL specifying the location of an information resource located on the Internet related to a particular one of said services;

(b) storing in a plurality of service-information servers, information related to said plurality of services;

(c) transmitting to said database server from a client system, a request for information about one of said plurality of services located on the Internet, wherein said request includes information representative of the USN assigned to said service; and

(d) at least one said service information server responding to said request transmitted to said database server, and delivering to said client system, information related to one of said plurality of services specified by the URL symbolically linked to the USN and included in said request made by said client system.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said USN assigned to each said service is a unique Uniform Service Code number assigned to said service.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein step (c) comprises:

selecting a on-screen service finder button displayed by an Internet browser program running on said client system, whereupon a dialogue box is displayed requesting that the UPN associated with the requested service be entered; and

entering said USN into said dialogue box.

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-17 and 25-44 without prejudice in order to simplify prosecution and reduce the filing fees due in the present application.
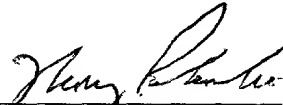
A total of ten claims (one independent claim, nine dependent claims) remain in the present application after entry of the above Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant reserves to right to prosecute the cancelled claims to invention in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications filed herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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